"A" Resolutions from the Bishop's Charge Resolution Committee - Synod 2026

Resolution A-1. Construction Season

BE IT RESOLVED that synod delegates ask their parishes to express their commitment to joining with the Bishop in this time of construction, by indicating to the Bishop's office the ways they believe God is building something among them, and what they are doing to participate in that growth.

Mover: Ms. Rachel Mawejjie Seconder: The Rev. Bonnie Dowling

Background: Throughout his charge to synod the Bishop has encouraged all of us to recognize that we are in a time of construction in which we can trust that God will build in us and among us according to God's will.

Resolution 2. Use of Resources & Sharing Across Archdeaconries

BE IT RESOLVED that each parish in the Diocese of Rupert's Land take "an honest inventory of what God has placed in our hands." For example: finances, buildings, land, technology, knowledge, and relationships. For the purpose of

i) Faithful innovation - "asking how it might be used differently for the sake of Christ and our neighbours."

ii) Sharing resources - Asking "what can be shared across parish and Archdeaconry lines to more effectively deploy these resources.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resulting inventories are to be shared with the territorial archdeacons to explore ways that these resources can be shared across parish and Archdeaconry lines.

Mover: The Rev. John Dolloff Seconder: Mr. Jim Cornelius

Background: The Bishop in his charge to Synod has urged parishes to take "an honest inventory of what what God has placed in our hands", and to explore these resources might be "used differently for the sake of Christ and our neighbours" and how they might be "shared across Archdeaconry lines."

Resolution A-3. Parish Mission Commitments

BE IT RESOLVED that the Vestry of each parish discuss and identify one outward-looking, "feed the neighbour" mission commitment, and report that commitment to the Synod office so that by Synod 2028 Diocesan Council can create a diocesan Mission Map illustrating where God is at work in our communities and where support is needed.

Mover : Ms. Janet Monks Seconder: The Rev. Tanis McLeod Kolisnyk

Background: The Bishop's Charge reminded us that hearts touched by God are renewed by Christ to love their neighbours. Specifically, Christ is still saying today, "You give them something to eat" (Mt 14:16). Trusting God to restore us and renew us, we bring this resolution to Synod.

Resolution A-4. Supporting and Developing Leaders

BE IT RESOLVED that each parish seek to identify at least one person whom God is calling to leadership, and work to encourage, nurture and support the development of their gifts for ministry.

Mover: The Rev. Wilson Akinwale Seconder: Ms. Rachel Mawejjie

Background: The Bishop's charge reminded us of the importance of developing congregational leaders through "shared leadership." The Bishop's charge reminded us that we are all called as people of God having received various gifts for the life of the church and that for us to thrive as a Diocese we need to encourage, inspire and affirm those that God is calling into leadership.

Resolution A-5. Mission Week

BE IT RESOLVED that each parish of this Diocese participate in Mission Week: Remembering for the Sake of Truth, Relationship and Mission, to take place from May 23 to 30, 2027, concluding with a diocesan gathering on or near May 29th.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our Bishop, in collaboration with the Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer establish a committee made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the Anglican Church, including Indigenous Elders, to oversee Mission Week (May 23-30, 2027) with a view to creating opportunities and resources for relationship building and learning for the sake of truth, relationship and mission.

Mover: The Rev. Tanis McLeod Kolisnyk Seconder: The Rev. John Dolloff

Background**:** In his charge to synod, the Bishop suggested that as a diocese we annually observe a Mission Week each spring.

In our collective journey toward truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation, the National Anglican Church of Canada offered an apology for Residential Schools in 1993. This was met with the TRC's (Truth and Reconciliation Commission's) 94 Calls to Action in 2015. These Calls to Action continue to challenge the church in Canada as we discern together what it means to put them into practice. The work is ongoing, requiring us to listen, learn, reflect, and act as we seek to live out the responsibilities of reconciliation.

We are in a meaningful time in Rupert'sLand, as we continue to walk together toward renewed relationships. Nationally, the Anglican Church of Canada is making space for Indigenous voices, honouring our Elders, working alongside ACIP (Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples), remembering our shared history truthfully, and nurturing relationships through listening, learning, and renewed actions.

Our UIMD (Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer) has worked tirelessly to bring us all to this moment in the life of our Diocese. There have been meaningful and positive Indigenous and non-Indigenous collaborations and connections taking place. It is time to ask ourselves, "How will your parish or mission here in Rupert's Land participate?" Some examples could include:

a. Collect Indigenous stories or make a short video from your community
b. Share accomplished ideas of reconciliation activities, outreach and connections
c. Sharing circles - invite Indigenous Elders to share wisdom and teachings
d. Share a meal- serve up some stew and Bannock and spend time together

e. Caring for Creation – clean-up/yardwork in your community or garden
f. Learn about UNDRIP as a framework for reconciliation #48
g. Learn more about the TRC Calls to Action; examples #49 Doctrine of Discovery, #59 Education for Clergy/ Church Staff …
h. Learn some words and phrases from an Indigenous Language speaker.
i. Learn more about MMIWG2S+ and Indigenous advocacy and various initiatives
j. Fly the 'Every Child Matters' Flag – tell the story of Phyllis Webstad
k. Adorn the Sanctuary with Indigenous art, celebrate and create a sense of belonging.
l. Come to Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church at 3 pm on Sundays - worship together
m. Attend/learn about an Indigenous Ceremony; Smudging, The Seven Sacred Teachings

Intentional and faithful innovation and action can help reconciliation move forward. By God's grace, this ongoing journey is taking shape among us, and for this we give thanks.

A-6. Special Offering for Indigenous Ministry

BE IT RESOLVED that each parish take up an annual special offering for Indigenous Ministry and Reconciliation on a Sunday near September 30th, beginning in 2027, to be disbursed by the Diocesan Council.

Mover: The Rev. Bonnie Dowling Seconder: The Rev. John Dolloff

Background: The Bishop's charge included the proposal of a special offering for Indigenous ministry and reconciliation.

Bishop's Charge Resolution Committee:
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